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Info reaching DEPT on present whereabouts/Ambassadors suggests possibly 15 or so are either in Moscow or have departed therefor.

Among number are several whose presence could be attributed to specific activities (e.g., Smirnov's to SOV-GER talks and Degtyar's to Afghan King's visit) or to routine leave and consultation as possibly in case of Zarubin. Number also includes envoys to Egypt and three other countries all of whom reportedly in USSR since June. Remainder, however, are envoys who have reportedly left posts since mid-July or are planning to leave shortly.

While unusually large movement not altogether surprising in view Molotov-Shepilov ousters, would appreciate your comments and any additional info which becomes available.

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